

In the Specification:

Delete the existing Government Rights Statement, which is set forth in the paragraph appearing at page 1, lines 1-5 and replace it with the following:

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--Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §202(c), it is hereby acknowledged that the U.S. Government has certain rights in the invention described herein, which was made in part with funds from the National Science Foundation under Grant No. DMR-9502807.--

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A marked-up version of the foregoing replacement paragraph is attached.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the present amendment, the purpose of which is to specify in the Government Rights Statement the Grant No. under which applicants were awarded funds by the National Science Foundation. The requested amendment is strictly a matter of form, and as such should be unobjectionable.

In addition, it was noted during preparation of the present amendment that the Petition for Extension of Time that was filed concurrently with the February 28, 2003 Request for